

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHAKER SQUARE

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of one of Cleveland's most cherished landmarks, Shaker Square.

The Square was built in 1927–29 by Otis and Mantis Van Sweringen, the brothers who developed Shaker Heights, Ohio. The oldest shopping district in Ohio and the second oldest in the Nation, Shaker Square was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. What you see at Shaker Square today is a happy combination of nearly 75 years of preservation, enhanced by a multi-million dollar renovation in 2000–2001.

The Square has been viewed as the gateway to the Eastern suburbs. In addition to the development of Shaker Square was the creation of a rapid transit (light rail) connection to downtown Cleveland via the Terminal Tower, which is now a part of The Tower City Center.

Shaker Square is home to many unique shops and restaurants and is home to the Historic Colonial Theater, which was built in 1937.

But Shaker Square is more than a shopping area. It is the heart of a lively, diverse neighborhood. There are more than 4,000 units of high-quality rental and condominium apartments near the square—the largest concentration of multi family housing in Cleveland—plus townhouses and many private homes.

Therefore, it is with great pride and pleasure that I congratulate Shaker Square and the community-at-large as we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of this historic landmark in the city of Cleveland and the 11th Congressional District of Ohio.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DENTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Denton Housing Authority to commend them for receiving four National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Merit Awards this year.

The Denton Housing Authority has been active in the North Texas community for years, working hard to provide quality public and affordable housing. This year at the 2004 NAHRO awards ceremony, the Denton Housing Authority was recognized for their achievements. The Denton Housing Authority raised the bar once again by winning more merit awards than in 2003.

The Denton Housing Authority was recognized for four of their programs. The Class Apprenticeship Program, created by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, provides career training programs, on-the-job training, and associated technical instruction to program participants and members of the community. The Denton County Health Department Dental Clinic teams with the County Health Department to make available low-cost and free

services to area residents who cannot afford insurance. Also, Project READY teams with the University of North Texas to encourage social and academic success and reinforce positive behavior of youth living in the Phoenix housing development. Finally, Resident Outreach Clean Up Project in cooperation with the University of North Texas and Keep Denton Beautiful improved the community surroundings and eliminated trash and graffiti. I believe these programs will better enhance our community by investing in our citizens and forming a safer environment for our neighborhoods.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere congratulations to the Denton Housing Authority for their innovation and hard work in providing community outreach services to the city of Denton and surrounding communities.

COMMENDING THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ITS DESIGNATION AS ONE OF THE TOP THREE SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Palm Beach County School District for achieving a rating of "Best" in the report released by the America Prepared Campaign on Preparedness in America's Schools. In the twenty school districts rated on their emergency preparedness regarding terrorism, Palm Beach County scored in third place.

The America Prepared Campaign is a non-profit, non-partisan initiative that uses the expertise of national leaders on a range of matters to give citizens the tools and information they need to prepare themselves and their families for a large-scale disaster, particularly a terrorism event.

In their report entitled "Preparedness in America's Schools: A Comprehensive Look at Terrorism Preparedness in America's Twenty Largest School Districts," the foundation examined how well these school districts are prepared to protect their students in the event of a terrorist attack or other major emergency.

With 193 schools and more than 160,000 students, the School District of Palm Beach County was lauded for its "long history of robust school security and safety efforts." School District Police Department Chief James Kelly was singled out for his focus on implementing effective and efficient security methods, such as identification badges for school personnel, including students, a GPS tracking system for county school buses, and the introduction of violence-intervention programs.

This report also cited the School District's outstanding use of communication, employing the use of the existing local notification system rather than a brand-new, expensive phone tree. This method ensures that parents and local officials have up-to-date emergency information.

While the School District has every right to feel proud of their accomplishment, officials know that there is still plenty of work to be done. The school district has, for example, ap-

plied for a grant to print an emergency preparedness pamphlet in four languages to be distributed to every home. Not only would families with children in public school receive this pamphlet, but so would families with students in private and charter schools.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Palm Beach County School District for its efforts to prepare students, faculty, parents, and community members for emergency situations.

RECOGNIZING ALEXANDER COBLE KREEGER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander Coble Kreeger of Kearney, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 397, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the 10 years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Den Chief, Patrol Leader, Bugler, and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Alex attended H. Roe Bartle Camp for 6 years, becoming a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. He was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 2000, Ordeal in 2000, and Brotherhood in 2001.

For his Eagle Scout project, Alex cleaned and repaired the Lion's Club garage in Kearney.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alexander Coble Kreeger for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CORRECTING ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 1417

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. Con. Res. 145, a bill for correcting the enrollment of H.R. 1417, the "Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act." I commend Messrs. Smith, Mr. Berman, and Ranking Member Conyers, for their respective hard work in crafting this legislation.

The underlying bill would replace the existing administrative procedures within the U.S. Copyright Office that determine copyright royalty rates and the distribution of related royalties under various compulsory licenses.

Under the Copyright Royalty Tribunal Reform Act of 1993, the Librarian of Congress has the authority to convene Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panels, or "CARPS," to resolve failed private negotiations between parties that fail to establish rates or to distribute royalties regarding the commercial use of movies, music and other specified copyrighted works.